

SEVEN TOWNS SUFFER DAMAGE STORM IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA

Woodward, Okla., May 11.—A succession of tornadoes swept over the district lying twenty-five miles southwest, south and southeast of Woodward late yesterday and last night.

Several small towns, all off of the railroads and without telegraph communication, are reported destroyed. Many persons have been injured and several are reported killed.

Seven towns are reported to have suffered damage. They are Grand, Arnett, Vici, Mutual, Cooley and Richmond. At each place casualties are reported.

The known casualties are:

At Vici, Dr. Hauser, a physician, fatally injured.

At Arnett, — Male killed, half a dozen injured, one fatally.

At Mutual, Arthur Sibel, his wife and several others seriously injured.

Grand, county seat of Ellis county, is said to be wholly wrecked.

The towns of Estelle, Cooley and Richmond are also reported devastated.

All the country within twenty-five miles of here is devastated and railroad wires are down. It is difficult to get details.

The scene of the tornado is in the northwestern portion of old Oklahoma and close to the Texas and Kansas lines. As far as learned the storm touched four counties and covered a distance of seventy-five miles in length.

Yesterday and last night there was a terrific rain in this part of the state, following oppressive weather conditions.

STORM AT TULSA.

Tulsa, Okla., May 11.—A terrific wind storm passed over this part of northeastern Oklahoma last night. Houses were unroofed and many small buildings blown from their foundations.

Plate glass windows in Tulsa were broken and orchards in surrounding country devastated. No casualties are reported.

At Little Robe, fifty miles southwest, Mrs. J. E. Hale was killed.

In the vicinity of Arnett, O. E. Null and daughter were caught in the storm while driving. They escaped injury but the team was killed.

The little town of Castos, in Dewey county, is also reported wiped off the map. No details are obtainable as yet.

Strong Wind at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., May 11.—A wind with a velocity of fifty-six miles an hour was recorded here last night, which is the highest ever recorded in Kansas. Much fruit was damaged by the wind.

Cloudburst in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., May 11.—This portion of Kansas was thoroughly soaked with rain Sunday. At Silverlake, twelve miles west of here, the storm was in the nature of a cloudburst.

At Council Grove, the sudden rise and overflow of the Neosho river, has caused many residents to flee from their homes.

TOWN IS DESTROYED

CAMP CROOKTOWN WIPED OUT BY FLAMES—LOSS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Deadwood, S. D., May 11.—Camp Crooktown, a town of 400 residents, on the Little Missouri river, north of here, was destroyed by fire two days ago.

The loss is \$200,000. The news of the fire was brought here by a courier. The flames, which were of unknown origin, swept the village from one end to the other. Only a few buildings were left standing. It was a trading point for a large territory.

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INDIAN PAYMENTS

PER CAPITA PAYMENT WILL BE
GIN JUNE 1—WILL DRAW
\$20 EACH.

Muskogee, Okla., May 10.—Chas. H. Dickson, who will make the per capita payment to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, announced today the payment will begin at Duncan June 1 and reach other places as fast as the Indians who come to each place can be paid.

It is impossible to fix definite dates at different towns as the pay party will remain at one town until all the Indians there are paid whether it requires a day or a week.

Following are the towns to be visited: Duncan, Chickasha, Purcell, Pauls Valley, Ardmore, Madill, Sulphur, Roff, Ada, Stonewall, Wapahunga, Coalgate, Calvin, McAlester, Wilburton, Kiowa, Atoka, Caddo, Durant, Boswell, Hugo, Fort Towson, Idabel, Muskogee, Antlers, Tahlequah, Poteau, Spiro, Kinta and Stillwater.

The Indians will draw \$20 each.

PLAYS BASEBALL

JUSTICE HARLAN OF SUPREME COURT STILL MAKES GOOD AT 75 YEARS.

Washington, May 10.—Justice John M. Harlan as a marksman and baseball player yesterday outlived in honors more than a score of men who had not seen the light of day when the distinguished jurist entered the highest judicial chamber in the world. Justice Harlan and a dozen other members of the judiciary were guests of the District Bar association at its twenty-first annual shad bake at Marshall hall.

As an agile manipulator of the willow Justice Harlan compelled the semi-professionals to proclaim him "there with the goods" despite his 75 years. Two teams, one coached by Justice Pease of the court of claims contended for supremacy. An hour before the game Justice Harlan, with shirt sleeves rolled up and the typical expression of one strictly on the job, started to bat them out in practice, and he kept the younger ones, supposed to know something of the game, racing all over the field.

In three of the innings Justice Harlan went to bat for disabled players and made three hits.

Justice Harlan also triumphed in the rifle shoot, scoring nine hits—eyes out of a possible twelve.

MURDEROUS NEGRO

LOCKS SEVEN CHILDREN IN HOUSE THEN SETS FIRE TO IT—TWO ESCAPE.

Montgomery, Ala., May 10.—Jim Kennedy, a well-known negro man of Montgomery, locked up his seven children in his house tonight and then set the house on fire. Five were burned to death before they could be rescued.

To Test License Refund.

Shawnee, Okla., May 10.—Whether saloon men are entitled to a refund of the amount they claim on the unexpired part of their liquor license when prohibition became effective in Oklahoma will be decided in Pottawatomie county by a test case the county attorney has agreed to submit to the court. If the court decides in favor of the claimant in this case the unexpired money paid the county on liquor licenses will be paid back to the saloon men who have such claims. The total amount involved in the issue amounts to several thousand dollars.

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Fairbanks Is Sixty-five.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—(Special)—Charles Warren Fairbanks, vice president of the United States and aspirant to the presidency, was the recipient of congratulations from his senatorial friends and his many Hoover admirers today, the occasion being his sixty-fifth birthday. The vice president was born on a farm near Unionville, Ohio, on May 11, 1852, but removed to Indiana when a young man, beginning the practice of law in Indianapolis. It was there that he began his career as a dealer in little railroads, marketing the securities in New York, which caused him to be called "the tin peddler of Wall street."

TIME TO SPANK VENEZUELA.

Paris Paper Declares Ripened Hour Is Mellow.

Paris, May 10.—The recent expulsion of eight Frenchmen from Venezuela has served to increase the resentment of French public opinion against President Castro's arrogant treatment of foreigners. The Temps, reviewing the situation, expresses regret that France did not send ships to bombard Puerto Cabello instead of simply breaking diplomatic relations when M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires, was expelled from Venezuela two years ago. It declares that the time has come to act.

"The United States seems disposed to begin," says the Temps. "Senator Culom declared that Castro deserved a good spanking. Never was there a more propitious occasion for President Roosevelt to use the big stick and France is perfectly willing for him to enact the role of peace-maker. Venezuela must be taught a lesson and it is immaterial whether it comes from Washington or elsewhere, provided it comes quickly."

YOUNG WOMAN A SUICIDE

INMATE OF RESORT WITHOUT SAYING A WORD

DRANK CARBOLIC ACID

And Died—Was Conscious Only a Short While—Effort to Locate Relatives Proves Futile—Funeral This Afternoon.

Rena Monstee, aged 18 years, a woman of the lower world, took carbolic acid at 6:30 Sunday evening and died three hours later. She was conscious only a short time. She and another inmate of the house were standing in a room when the unfortunate girl, without a word of warning drank from a bottle of quantity of the acid and throwing herself across the bed, said "I have killed myself." These were the only words spoken except that she advised the inmates not to send for a doctor for the reason that she was already gone. All efforts to locate her mother have been fruitless and the remains were buried here this afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery, in a lot owned by Maud Gray, where other unfortunate women who like this one have died by their own hand and penniless have been buried.

The unfortunate woman's mother lives in Chilwood, Mo. Her name is Sadie Lillburn. Her stepfather lives in Oklahoma. He is thought to be in Fort Gibson.

The woman had a letter in her room written by her mother in which the mother stated that this girl was her only child that had ever contributed anything toward her support and told the daughter that she was getting so far from home that she feared she would not get to see her this summer. The mother's love has never grown dimmer and her heart will be broken when she learns the news of her suicide. If the mother could have been located a fund sufficient to bring her to the funeral would have been sent her.

Many a man displays a lot of ingenuity in making a fool of himself.

CORNER-STONE LAYING

NEW HOME INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

CEREMONIES ARE IMPRESSIVE

President Roosevelt, Representatives of All American Republics, All Branches of Government and State Governments Present.

Washington, May 11.—In the presence of the president of the United States, and of representatives of every other American republic as well as all branches of the national government and of the state governments, the corner-stone of the proposed new home of the International Bureau of American Republics was laid today. Addresses fitting to the occasion and expressing the great benefits to be derived from the formation of the Bureau of American Republics in many ways were made by President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, Mr. Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassador, and Andrew Carnegie, while messages of congratulations and wishes for success in the work about to be undertaken were read from the presidents of nearly all of the American republics. A very large audience listened to the speeches and witnessed the laying of the corner-stone. The invited guests in addition to those actively participating in the exercises were Vice President Fairbanks, members of the cabinet, of congress, the governors of the states and prominent citizens of Washington and elsewhere. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Marine band while the decoration for the grand stands and smaller stands erected to accommodate the guests were made up largely of the flags of the 21 American republics.

Director John Barrett, of the Bureau, in a very brief talk in which he referred to the great assistance given by Secretary Root toward the accomplishment of the work and his effort in behalf of the advance of the bureau work, introduced the secretary of state, who is chairman of the governing board of the bureau as the presiding officer. Cardinal Gibbons delivered the invocation, which was followed in turn by an address by Mr. Root, the reading of congratulatory messages from American presidents and addresses by President Roosevelt, Ambassador Nabuco and Andrew Carnegie. Ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner-stone closed the exercises. Inscribed on the corner-stone are the following words:

"Building of the American Republics. Erected through the public spirited gift of Andrew Carnegie and the contributions of all the republics upon land provided by the government of the United States, May 11, 1908."

The imposing international building will stand on an attractive site covering about five acres, to the south of and in close proximity to the white house, the state, war and navy department building, the Corcoran Art Gallery, and that of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It is also near the Washington Monument. The dimensions of the building will be approximately 160 by 160 feet, its main portion standing two stories above a high studded basement and being in turn surmounted by dignified balustrades. The rear portion in order to cover a capacious Assembly Hall will rise still higher. The general architecture will suggest Latin-American treatment out of respect to the fact that 20 of the 21 republics are of Latin origin, at the same time possessing such monumental characteristics as will make it harmonize with the general scheme for the improvement of Washington. It will be constructed throughout of steel and concrete, with the effect of a Spanish stucco finish and with white marble steps, foundations and trimmings. A large reading room will be a feature where can be seen all the South as well

as the North American publications besides important historical data. A beautiful assembly chamber that, for present purposes, may be called the "Hall of the American Ambassadors," will provide the only room of its kind in the United States especially designed for international conventions, receptions to distinguished foreigners, and for diplomatic and social events of a kindred nature. The Bureau is strictly an international and independent organization maintained by the joint contributions, based on population, of the 21 American governments.

Nearly \$1,000,000 will be spent in construction and fitting up the building of which Andrew Carnegie contributed \$750,000. It will be unique not only for Washington, but in all the world, serving as an international headquarters or offices in one national capital of 21 American nations, the nearest approach to it being the new Temple of Peace, now being erected at the Hague.

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

COURT OF INQUIRY AS TO WHY ARMY OFFICER SHOULD REMAIN IN ARIZONA.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—Senator Raynor of Maryland today introduced a resolution authorizing the President for the convention of a court of inquiry for an investigation into the case of Col. Wm. F. Stewart, who has been detailed to serve until his retirement, at an abandoned military post in Arizona.

It's up to the grass widow to make hay while the sun shines.

WEAVING WEB ON LAMPHERE

OFFICIALS TRYING TO CONNECT HIM WITH MURDERS.

NO MORE BODIES FOUND

And Search Has Been Temporarily Abandoned—Grouches Visited Scene of Murders All Day Sunday.

Laporte, Ind., May 11.—Picking up shreds of evidence tending to connect Ray Lamphere with the death of Mrs. Guinness and her three children and perhaps also of Andrew Heidgren was the main purpose of the authorities here today.

Whether the search for more bodies will be prosecuted has not been finally determined, but further excavating on the Guinness farm has been postponed at least until tomorrow.

It is estimated that more than 15,000 people visited the scene of the wholesale murders yesterday. Practically everybody in Laporte and those from surrounding communities took advantage of the Sabbath and came to view the farm. The capacity of the hotels, restaurants and transfer men was taxed to the limit. Many were forced to walk from here to the scene. A number of the out-of-town visitors were here seeking information of missing ones.

She Lived at Austin, Illinois.

Chicago, May 11.—A conference will be held today between Assistant Chief of Police Schuetler and Coroner Hoffman to decide whether to dig up the yard and cellar of the residence in Austin, Ill., formerly occupied by Mrs. Guinness, in the search of the remains of possible victims. As to the possibility of the woman being still alive, the police officials said that in the past three days twenty-six letters had been received from persons who declare they are positive they have seen Mrs. Guinness since her reported death.

Postoffice officials are seeking to locate the writers of several letters addressed to Mrs. Guinness since her disappearance. These were held by the Laporte officials until today

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when they were turned over to a postal inspector.

Tried to Land Missourian.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 11.—George Anderson, a Swede, aged thirty-nine, recently of Tarkio, Mo., left here last night for Chicago to offer personal testimony and letters, written by Mrs. Guinness, the Laporte murderess, to the authorities.

Two years ago from Monteth, Michigan, he answered Mrs. Guinness' advertisement. Posing as a wealthy farmer he visited her. She told him to sell his farm and bring his money to Laporte, when they would be married. He confessed to the woman that he had nothing. He slept in the Guinness farm house that night. He said he was awakened about midnight and found a woman bending over him. He spoke and she ran from the room.

He expresses the belief that Lamphere and the woman's eldest daughter knew of the crimes.

There is quite a difference between breezy conversation and hot air, ardmore theater tonight

NEGROES ARE BARRED

FROM ATTENDING WHITE FOLKS' CHURCH LEGAL DECISION MADE—CASE APPEALED.

Muskogee, Okla., May 10.—In Oklahoma a negro cannot attend religious services at a white church if his presence is distasteful to the members of the congregation, no matter how good his behavior may be. This is the substance of the decision of a jury in the case of Louis Tucker, tried before Judge Parks at Tahlequah.

Mrs. Wright, a woman evangelist, was conducting a series of meetings and it appears that she first invited the negro to attend. He did so and became interested. At first his presence created no disturbance, but finally some white members of the congregation objected, but the negro refused to stay away. A charge was brought against him for disturbing religious worship. The case was bitterly contested. The evidence showed that the rules and regulations forbade the attendance of negroes, and it was held that to do so after he had been notified that he was not wanted, was an act of discourtesy which caused a disturbance in the church.

The jury which found Tucker guilty was composed of men above the average in intelligence and of unquestioned integrity. It is understood the negro will appeal the case.

INDIANS TO DANCE

LO IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE FAMOUS GREEN CORN DANCE.

Muskogee, Okla., May 11.—(Special)—Those who believed that with the coming of statehood Poor Lo would immediately abandon all the habits and customs beloved of his ancestors and become a "heap civilized" citizen and voter are doomed to disappointment. The arrival of spring has sent the warm blood bounding through the veins of the redskins and nothing short of a "green corn dance" will serve as a vent for their bottled-up enthusiasm. Therefore, Lo will dance, and the preparations for the festival, which are held during the latter part of May, are now being made. At the commencement of the "green corn" dance the Indians gather from all parts of the reservation at the dance-house, a large barnlike building with a dirt floor, hardened and worn smooth from much tramping. They come to the dance with their faces painted and wearing their finest clothing and trinkets. It is a "full dress" affair.

Each day of the "green corn" celebration, the dancing begins at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasts until about midnight. At intervals of from two to five hours the dancers have an intermission of about thirty minutes, which is spent in feasting on rice, chicken, possum and dog meat and smoking the "pipe of peace."

Sometimes the Indians will dance in a wild frenzy for ten hours without once going out of the circle.

Of the whites only the "squaw men," who took an oath of allegiance to the tribe when they married their Indian wives, are permitted to dance. They may participate if they are painted and dressed in the Indian costume.

There is more or less love-making at all of the dances, but there are more betrothals at the "green corn" dance than at any other. Possibly this is true because it comes in the spring, when the Indian's heart, as well as the white man's, "lightly turns to thoughts of love." This celebration is not regarded as a success by the younger members of the tribe unless it is followed in three or four months by several weddings.

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